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May 11, 2014 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "*Christ Is Risen*"

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READING I - Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 23:1-2a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READING 2 - 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL - John 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*O'er Death Victorious*"

COMMUNION HYMN - "*O, Lord I Am Not Worthy*"
& "*Come Ye Faithful*"

RECESSIONAL - "*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*"

CELEBRATE EASTER SEASON - 2014!

ST. MATTHIAS (first century) May 14

According to the Acts of the Apostles, St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve apostles after the resurrection of Jesus. Two men, Barsabas and Matthias, were proposed, but only one was selected. A companion of Christ during his public ministry, Matthias was among the seventy-two disciples whom Jesus sent out to preach. He was also a witness to Christ's resurrection.

Tradition says that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Cappadocia, and near the Caspian Sea. He suffered martyrdom by crucifixion at Colchis. His prayer, Lord, God, make us disciples of your Son, hearers and doers of his word, witnesses for him in this world. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen

A reflection of faith and wisdom...

SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE FREELY

Often we think we do not know enough to be able to teach others. We might even become hesitant to tell others what we know, out of fear that we won't have anything left to say when we are asked for more. This mind-set makes us anxious, secretive, possessive & self-conscious. But when we have the courage to share freely with others all that we know, whenever they ask for it, we soon discover that we know a lot more than we thought. It is only by giving generously from the well of our Knowledge that we discover how deep that well is.

TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 11th

On this day we pay tribute to our own mothers, living and deceased. They are the givers of life and have nurtured us in faith. May they be ever blessed and held in God's loving care. All are invited to join in our breakfast, after Mass, in the Parish Hall. God Bless All!

MARY, CROWNED with THE LIVING LIGHT

"Blessed is she who believed that the Lord's word to her would be fulfilled." May is the month, the church, traditionally has dedicated to 'Mary, the Mother of God. As Patroness of the Universal Church we ask our Lady to watch over us, to bless us and those we love with good health and peace! May devotions and litany to Our Blessed Mother, will be held during Sunday Masses in May.

CHAIRS • CHAIRS • CHAIRS • CHAIRS

As you know we had a few fund-raisers for new chairs for our hall rentals. Well, now the old chairs are up for grabs. If you or anyone you know needs chairs, a small donation can get them what they need. It's a win-win situation! We get a few bucks for our old chairs and they get the chairs they need! See Father Andrew for details.

MOTHER TERESA-IN MY OWN WORDS,

1910-1997. *I recommend praying these words to Mary:*

Mary, Mother of Jesus and of those who participate in his priestly ministry, we come to you with the same attitude of children who come to their mother. We are no longer children, but adults who desire with all our hearts to be God's children. Our human condition is weak, that is why we come to ask for your motherly aid so we are able to overcome our weakness. Pray for us so that we can, in turn, become people of prayer. We invoke your protection so that we remain free from all sin. We invoke your love so that it may reign and we will be able to be compassionate and forgiving. We ask for your blessing so we can be like the image of your beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

We hope you find our small and humble parish, a peaceful place for meditation and prayer. We gather each Sunday at 9 am for Celebration of the Eucharist. In addition we welcome all to join us after Mass, in the Parish Hall for Fellowship, time for coffee and a roll and a chance to talk with one another, listen and care...in God's dwelling place! Peace to you, as we continue together on our faith's journey...

SAVE THE 2014 DATES

May 31 & June 1 - YARD SALE at ST. FRANCIS

Bring in items we can sell. One person's trash is another person's treasure. (Thank you Monika for offering to run this Yard Sale.)

June 7th - EM PRIDE DAY - 10 am - 1 pm

June 22nd - MARY ZARADICH CONFIRMATION

